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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Joseph T. King, age 22, of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was sentenced today in United States District Court in Norfolk by Judge Jerome B. Friedman, to 30 months in prison and revocation of his driver's license for maiming, and 12 months in prison, to be served concurrently, for driving under the influence.

The charges stem from an accident which occurred on November 13, 2003, on Fort Story Army Base in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Investigation of the accident revealed that King, who had a blood alcohol content of .14%, and was driving approximately 90 mph in a 30 mph zone, failed to maintain control of his vehicle. King's vehicle left the roadway, struck a tree, went down an embankment, rolled several times, ejecting the passenger from the vehicle. The passenger sustained three fractured vertebrae, a fractured pelvis, and lacerations to his head.

The case was investigated by the Military Police Department, Fort Story, Virginia. Special Assistant United States Attorney Shannon Dillon prosecuted the case for the United States.

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